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"EARLY NEW JERSEY FURNITURE" TO BE FEATURED IN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY NOTED ANTIQUARIAN, MAY 28

Mrs. Frederick Frelinghuysen, our speaker at the Society's Spring meeting this month, needs no introduction to anyone interested in the colonial furniture of New Jersey. She has lectured extensively on the subject.

Mrs. Frelinghuysen is president of the Women's Branch of the New Jersey Historical Society, a trustee of the Society, and chairman of the Museum Committee. She is also a member of the Arts Committee of the New Jersey State Museum, and serves on the Advisory Committee of Williamsburg Antiques Forum and for the Antiques Show held recently in Philadelphia for the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

About a year ago a few of our members opened their homes to Mrs. Frelinghuysen to enable her to photograph some of their antiques and choice New Jersey pieces of furniture to add to her extensive collection of slides. Our members will have the privilege of seeing an important part of this collection at our meeting.

Mrs. Frelinghuysen was born and educated in Boston and studied later in Paris. She now lives in Holmdel, New Jersey.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 28

TIME: 8 P. M.

**PLACE: "Garagatorium,"
Greenfield Hall**

ANNIVERSARY PAGEANT BEGINS JUNE 3 IN SCHOOL STADIUM

A colorful 4-night program enacting 250 years of Haddonfield history will take place "alfresco" at 8:30 P. M. on June 3 and 4, and June 6 and 7.

The High School Stadium will be the scene of the founding of Haddonfield, the war battles waged here and the highlights of other notable events.

The characters in this historical drama will be Haddonfield's school children.

One group will depict the peaceful Indians of New Jersey; another the early Quakers. Children from Christ the King School will portray Hessian soldiers in battle dress as they returned through Haddonfield after the Battle of Red Bank. Children will show the building of the first house by Francis Collins

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"WHERE THE NEIGHBOR SPIRIT REIGNS"

(In order to give a wider audience to the excellent and timely talk delivered by John T. Cunningham at our February meeting, the Bulletin offers herewith excerpts from the address. Many members missed the talk because of the exceptionally cold, wet weather on the night of February 19 when it was delivered as the opening feature of the 250th anniversary commemorative meeting.)

"This (Haddonfield) is the kind of town that is worth traveling miles to see, for this is a town that cares. Each time I drive down King's Highway I am struck anew by the pride this town has in itself—and by the fact that time has enhanced, *not ruined*, old Haddonfield.

"Here, it is easy to relive history, for the past is on every side. Often I believe that Haddonfield is every bit as vital to an understanding of America as Williamsburg—with one major difference: Haddonfield is all here; Williamsburg had to be rebuilt.

"No one has ever summed up Haddonfield better than James Lane Penny-packer, who lived here from 1885 until his death in 1943. One poem that he wrote in 1913 for Haddonfield's 200th Anniversary seemed to sum up that man's devotion for his place of being. He called it simply, 'Haddonfield,' and the first verse says:

Village of pleasant lanes
Village of treetops where the wild birds
come,

Village of welcoming church spires,
Village of cheering hearth fires,
Village where the neighbor spirit reigns,
Village of children—home!

"A birthday, in short, ought to be a seeking of the neighbor spirit. I see a birthday as an opportunity to look back, to view a heritage, to sum up an existence. Haddonfield's celebration this year in reality is the kickoff for the state celebration. It is significant to me that the town where the neighbor spirit reigns should set the pace. I want New Jerseyans to be intensely aware of their surroundings.

"I hope, as well, that history can be viewed with detachment. A sense of humor helps, and so do a sense of proportion and a sense of excitement.

"Consider Elizabeth Haddon as a prime example. You all know the story—or you should—or you will before 1963 ends! Here was a young Quaker teenager who fell desperately in love with an attractive young missionary who called at her home. Here was a young woman who at age 20 crossed the dangerous Atlantic Ocean to seek that young man.

"Think of the impropriety of this. Today we parents fret at the antics of some of our teenagers, and we blame television and advertising and corruption for modern misses who pursue a love on the telephone. Think of a young miss—and a Quakeress at that—who followed her heart across an ocean.

"Haddonfield grew beside the King's Highway. History swirled over and across that road. Here the Indian King Tavern flourished and won such a name for itself that the state legislature convened here in the spring of 1777 and tarried long enough to adopt the state seal.

"How long can the neighbor spirit reign?

"I venture to guess that it will reign only as long as many people in Haddonfield care about themselves and their surroundings. It will reign only as long as people in Haddonfield recognize that a town is best measured by its town pride rather than its economy. It costs money for a town to remain like Haddonfield, but money is not the answer alone. It takes more; it takes pride."

The President's Corner

RHOADS COLLECTION

A new metal case with wire glass doors has just been installed in the Library Stack Room. The Rhoads collection of valuable books and documents is being placed in this cabinet.

DOLL COLLECTION

A recent gift to the Society of 51 dolls was made by Mrs. Arthur B. Christopher of Audubon. Each doll is numbered and indication given of the country from which each doll originated. This collection comprises the following, Mexico, Hawaii, Africa, Russia, Ecuador, Bali, Holland, Germany, England, Norway, Philippines, Iceland, Japan, Poland, Denmark, West Indies, Italy, Yugoslavia, China, India, Greece, Scotland and the U. S. A. These are the smaller dolls; more will be presented to us this Fall when cases for the larger dolls will be ready for their display.

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE

This re-activated committee will hold its third meeting May 28, with the following new officers:

Mrs. John W. Danenhower, Chairman.

Mrs. Chas. A. Richardson, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Wm. W. Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Ed. Krauss, Jr., Treasurer.

One of the projects planned by the Woman's Committee is a *Flea Market* to be held on the grounds of Greenfield Hall, Thursday, June 13. Plates, stationery, books, boxwood bushes, antiques, white elephants, Quaker dolls, and many other interesting items will be for sale. Refreshments will be sold.

STAMP CANCELLATION

On April 24th the Haddonfield Post Office inaugurated its new cancellation of mail using the notation "Haddonfield, N. J. Celebrates 250 Years, May 1—June 15, 1963."

CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Our successful Candlelight Tour of last Fall will be repeated this year in October. In connection with our 250th Anniversary this year, we expect to have our specially important as well as historic houses open including the Wood Mansion (the Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh Homestead) now the home of Commissioner and Mrs. Frederick S. Fox. Mrs. Dexter Streeter will serve as chairman for this event.

HISTORIC MARKERS

Under the direction of the Society markers in black and white plastic are being made for 36 historic houses and sites throughout Haddonfield. These are a gift of the Civic Association as their contribution towards our 250th Anniversary.

HIP ROOF HOUSE CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS, REPORTS CHAIRMAN

Another cause for celebrating Haddonfield's 250th anniversary is the final purchase of the Hip Roof House, one of Haddonfield's oldest landmarks. The enthusiastic response of the entire town plus a contribution of \$ 00 by the American Water Works Service Co., Inc., put the campaign to save this oldest house in Haddonfield "over the top," it was announced by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dalton, chairmen of the campaign.

Society member, Mr. L. T. Reinicker, who is a member of the board of American Water Works Service Co., made the recommendation as the company's worthy project for the year. The Society is especially grateful to Mr. Reinicker and his company, and equally as grateful to every contributor regardless of the size of the donation. The many one dollar bills that flowed in was generous testimony to the pride local residents take in their town and its history.

Plans for improving the Hip Roof House in order to preserve its structure and enhance its appearance are now under way.

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in Haddonfield using the old chain system. Another group will stage the "goings-on" of the first schoolroom and then go outdoors and find the bones of the first Dinosaur discovered here.

There will be a scene of Elizabeth Haddon on horseback proposing to the man she loved and married, John Estauigh. Another scene will show the role Peter Stuyvesant played in the town's history.

A selected group from the Junior School will stage a Dolly Madison ball, complete with Minuet. Senior High School students will perform as an old-time bucket brigade coming to the rescue of the burning of the old mill in Haddonfield.

Displaying the colors of each of the wars which have transpired over 250 years by six Boy Scout Troops will be a highlight of the pageant. Thomas Patton, instructor in instrumental music in the elementary school, has written an original cantata for this 250th Anniversary.

Both the Junior School and Senior High School Bands will provide the music for the event.

The script for the pageant was written by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Joslin and will be narrated by Mr. Harry K. Smith, WRCV news commentator, and a graduate of Haddonfield Memorial High School. Mrs. Donald Leeds

In the previous issue we listed the new officers but did not have room for any more. To complete this, all the Trustees and committee chairmen are listed.

New appointments completing the board are marked *

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In case of rain, the event will be postponed to Wednesday, June 5 and Saturday, June 8.